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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON 30TH UNGA

REF: A) STATE 225930; B) STATE 229493; C) ASUNCION 3623

1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL SAPENA PASTOR (WHO JUST RETURNED FROM TAIWAN) THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS 30TH UNGA. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME HE PLANS TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK TO ASSUME CHARGE OF GOP DELEGATION ON OCTOBER 14, ARRIVING FOLLOWING DAY. WE WILL REPORT FLIGHT INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE BY SEPTEL.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REFS A) AND B), I STRESSED HIGH IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO PARAGUAY'S SUPPORT ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO, WHICH WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN TO US AT 30TH UNGA. FOREIGN MINISTER ASSURED ME OF PARAGUAY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT ON KOREA. (PARAGUAY IS TRADITIONAL CO-SPONSOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION) ALTHOUGH THIS IS FIRST TIME I HAVE FORMALLY BROACHED SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, HE INDICATED GENERAL AWARENESS OF SITUATION AND APPEARED SYMPATHETIC WITH US POSITION.

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3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF PATENT REASONABLENESS OF OUR

POSITION, AND PARAGUAY'S ANTIPATHY TOWARDS CUBA AND
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN GENERAL, THERE IS NO QUESTION
IN MY MIND THAT WE CAN COUNT ON PARAGUAY'S FULL
SUPPORT ON PUERTO RICAN QUESTION SHOULD IT ARISE.

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